

**Silver Spring Urban District Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes May 19, 2011**

**Call to Order and Introductions:** Julie Statland, Vice Chair called meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. members and attendees introduced themselves.

**Motion:** (J.Statland, C. Camacho) the minutes from the March 17, 2011 meeting and the April 21, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved.

**Police Report:**

The person that was shooting the BB gun has been caught and arrested.  
The police have spoken to all of the business owners except one about people hanging out near 8500 Colesville and the gas station near the McDonalds restaurant. They are still trying to get a response from McDonald's management to try and have them be more responsive. The police have spoken to a representative from Petersons and they will have some new ideas about security in the area.  
The budget for the Silver Spring District official straw vote has been done and the finale vote will be next Thursday. The CBD Force, Police Sub Stations, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Enhancements, changes to the Silver Spring Library and Victim Services were restored. There will be structural changes to employee's benefits across all departments.

**Taste of Fenton:**

This was started as an outreach program of the Advisory Board.  
21 restaurants participated and it was estimated that over 1,000.00 people attended the event. It was a walk thru the neighborhood to each restaurant's event and the feed back was very good. They are planning to make this an annual event.

**Debriefing on Jazz Festival:**

The jazz festival will be held on September 10, 2011, they do not have a headliner yet. Marcus Johnson will be part of the line up. They are eliminating one of the acts (the high school competition) so that the festival will end early. Live Nation is interested in doing a battle of the bands so that may take place in January or February of next year. So far there will be four acts. Susan Hoffman is looking for a Salsa or Latin band and would like to be contacted if anyone is aware of one that can perform at the jazz festival. She would need a CD from the group. Channel 9 will be the media sponsor.

The Thanksgiving Day parade will be held on November 19, 2011.  
There were some complaints from business last year about the line up for the parade interfering with the businesses on Fenton Street, and the fact that the businesses at the other end of downtown Silver Spring are not included in any way, it was suggested that Susan contact the business in reference to this issue.

### **Peterson & Company:**

Michael Diamantides Vice President of Assets and Property Management informed the meeting that they plan to continue working on the projects that Jennifer Nettles was working on and are hoping to find her replacement shortly.

### **Urban District Report:**

They are in the process of trying to get a new dump truck and other equipment. They are working on the Ruppert contract so that they can start working on the mediums again. The Red Shirts and the weekend staff have been doing some of the work to support their efforts. They are still waiting on approval to have flowers planted.

Yvette has been gathering budget information on the anticipated opening of the new Transit Center and the Gene Lynch Urban Park. The Urban District will be responsible for maintenance of the easement at the Transit Center and the Gene Lynch Park. They will do the work at the standards that are established and when they get to the point where they have capped the dollar's, that have been allocated they will stop working until additional funds are provided. The Urban District is still working on the on going problem of Graffiti.

The Urban District is planning to have gang training for their staff and City Place staff.

Mark Rockman will be leaving the Urban District but will still be working for Montgomery County; Victor Salazar will assume his position.

### **State Highway:**

The singulation of the traffic lights at Georgia Ave. and Colesville still needs to be looked at. Repairs at 1200 EWY – Pepco will not come out until all work is completed. All of the old meters have to be removed first and about 3 weeks after that all work should be completed. Georgia Ave. sidewalk has been replaced. It is a budget issue with getting other sidewalks replaced.

### **Regional Center Report:**

Reemberto reported that the Urban District budget was kept whole. With the new budget The Regional Center with the other four Regional Centers will be part of the Community Engagement Cluster. The Regional Centers mission will remain the same. The 311 service is getting better; however, there are still complicated issues that will still require intervention by the Regional Centers. The Director, Reemberto will still be at the civic building plus 1 Program Specialist and 1 representative from the Office of Community Engagement. The Civic building will have 1 Facility Operations Manager, Jewru Bandeh and 1 Scheduler, Mindy Williams.

As of July 1, 2011 the parking rates will go up 10 cents.

Reemberto will send out information on web sites that list what is going in Silver Spring. There is an uptake in development in Silver Spring. The Fillmore should open in September. The post office will be relocated but the retail services will still be in Silver Spring.

A Russian delegation will be touring downtown Silver Spring to learn how it is being run.

The questions was raised on what is the Civic Building doing in regards to security for the building. The county has put measures in place for the security of the building and continues to monitor the situation. An insurance policy is required for rental of the facility. The Rental income of the Civic Building is exceeding expectations.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:45pm